

WILL S. A. L. MOVE TO JACKSONVILLE?

Reported That Portsmouth Is to Lose General Offices of System.

ALREADY OWNS PROPERTY

Change Made in Anticipation of Opening of Panama Canal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Jacksonville, Fla., February 25.—The Seaboard Air Line has decided to move its general offices from Portsmouth, Va., to Jacksonville, was the startling statement of a man of unquestionable veracity in a local hotel this evening, who at the same time absolutely refused to have his name used in connection with the story "for personal reasons."

He said further: "This action was practically decided on after the close of a conference which the high officials of the road and here last week. The company, as is well known, owns handsome available property on the river front, right in the heart of the city, adjoining the site of the proposed terminal station, and the Seaboard will erect a handsome twelve-story structure on its own land, at the foot of Hogan Street, in which will be housed all the general offices of the company."

"The announced determination of the Seaboard," he said, "to devote a large part of its time and attention in the next few years to the development of its Florida port terminals getting ready for the opening of the Panama Canal, is father to this determination to centralize its working bureaus in Jacksonville."

This man further said: "The Seaboard has been working quietly for a number of years, linking up through houses and traffic arrangements a through line from the West Virginia coal fields to the South Atlantic ports, and I am informed they have now completed arrangements whereby the C. & O., the C. & W., the C. & G., the Georgia and Florida, and additional tracks to be built in the State, will give the Seaboard direct lines both to Tampa and Jacksonville."

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR KILLING MAN

Declares She Fired to Frighten and Aim Was Lower Than She Expected.

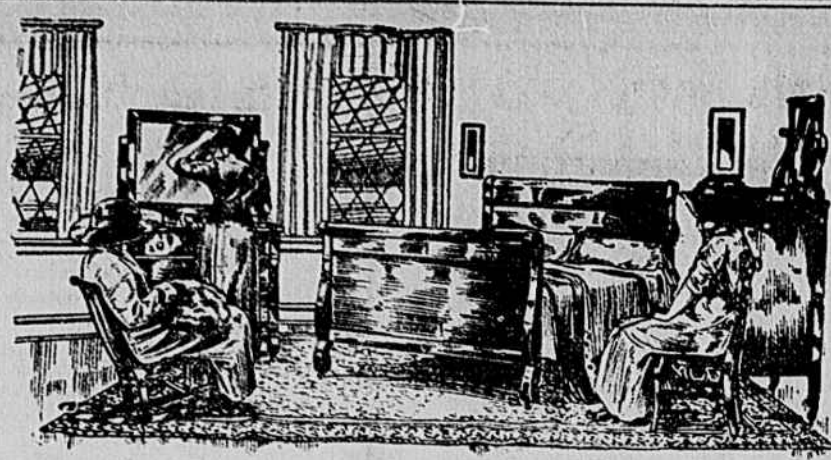
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., February 25.—Mrs. Myrtle Short was placed on trial in the Page County Court today, charged with killing Hiram Getts, near Stanley, on the night of December 26, when Getts, in company with several companions, went to Mrs. Short's home and demanded that the woman send her husband, Amos Short, on the outside of the building, from whom it is reported, they wanted to buy whiskey. Short being an alleged moonshiner, Mrs. Short began to parley with the men, who continued to advance on her house. Several times she warned them not to come any closer, and to intimidate them she alleges that she fired her pistol. Her aim was lower than she supposed, a ball taking effect in Getts' abdomen. He was carried to the Norfolk and Western Railroad, a physician starting with him to Baltimore. Getts died within an hour after being placed on the train.

Amos Short, the woman's husband, and Ashby Short, a brother, are both blind. The men are now confined in the Page County Jail, charged with instigation of the revenue law. There are fourteen indictments against Amos Short.

Shields—Nash.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 25.—Claude Swanson Shields and Miss Lena May Nash, both of Lynchburg, were married last night at the parsonage of the Methodist Protestant Church. The pastor, Rev. C. M. Campbell, performed the ceremony.



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Odds and Ends From the Wire

MILLIONS IN GRAVE DEALS.

Partnership Split Reveals Profits in Buying Caskets.

New York, February 25.—Unique and profitable speculation in caskets, involving property in five States, worth \$100,000, was revealed in a suit brought here. Francis E. Baker and Reese Carpenter, six years ago formed a partnership to get control of graveyards and sell them as building lots. If they did not pay for burial purposes, Baker, who brought action for a dissolution and an accounting, says the company acquired caskets in or near Syracuse, N. Y., Erie, Pa., Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Troy, N. Y., New York City, Prince George County, Md., and other places. He declares a fortune was in sight.

Carpenter holds that any agreement between them was illegal because made for the purpose of "freezing out" other stockholders in acquired corporations. Decision was reserved.

CATS BREAK UP FINE DRILL.

Tossed Into Hall, Scouts and Guests Flee in Panic.

Albion, N. J., February 25.—While the Boy Scouts were giving an exhibition drill before a large audience of Old-Fellows' Hall Sunday night, a pair of cats, tied together by the tails and fairly reeling with ammonia fumes, were hurled, spitting and clawing through a window. In the panic that ensued there was a rush from the hall, led by the Boy Scouts, and the felines were left to their own resources. Last night there was a sequel to the incident when Earl and Benjamin Conover, cousins, were lined up each, which money was paid by their fathers.

TROUBLE IN PEEP AT WIFE.

Scene He Saw Excited Hubby and Court Fined Him.

Whitington, Del., February 25.—Though he claimed he merely struck at a man he saw kissing his wife, William T. Stafford was fined \$5 in City Court today. He and Mrs. Stafford were in the home of his mother-in-law, when his wife lives, he looked into the parlor and, he says, saw a man kiss his wife.

This was more than he could stand, he said the man, he rushed into the house and attacked the man, Mrs. Stafford and the couple went to the back door.

Mrs. S. H. Ivis, the mother-in-law, tried to block Stafford's progress through the house, and he threw her into a room. For his roughness she had him arrested for assault and battery, and the court accordingly imposed the fine and costs.

GUIDES BURN IN CABIN.

Supposition Is Smoking in Bed Set Bang-alow Afire.

Charleston, Md., February 25.—In a fire discovered too late to permit their rescue, Latham Maule, aged sixtieth, and A. J. Taylor, fifty-six, for many years guides for city gunners on the Chesapeake and other nearby ducking grounds, were burned to death last night in their bungalow on North East River.

All day Sunday, it is alleged, the men

Man Too Old to Fight in Civil War Dies at One Hundred and Eight.

Lebanon, Pa., February 25.—Samuel Neuh died here Sunday at the age of 108 years, five months and eleven days, leaving nine children, thirty-seven grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-great-grandchildren.

BREAKS SIXTH GENERATION.

Neuh was born, according to the Neuh family record, on September 1, 1901, in that portion of Berks County which is now included within the borders of Schuylkill County, and he lived in Strasburg.

Throughout his long life he continued his residence there, and was on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Kern, of this city, when he became ill for the first time in his life, two weeks ago, and never rallied, his death being due to senile debility.

Mr. Neuh was a hat and watchmaker and continued active up to within a comparatively short time ago. He claimed to have cast the first vote for John Quincy Adams for President and was denied admission to the Union Army, as being too old, at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, at the age of fifty-eight. His son, Harrison, who was then nineteen years, and is now seventy, accepted and served throughout the war.

Officers Elected.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., February 25.—The Gordonsville Farmers' Club of Orange County, has elected the following officers: J. C. Goodloe, president; Dr. Guy Miller, vice-president; A. E. Shannon, secretary.

Miller—Miller.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 25.—Grover C. Miller, of Nelson County, and Miss Kate M. Miller, of Lynchburg, were married Saturday night at the parsonage of the Centenary Methodist Church, Rev. R. M. Candler, the pastor, officiating.

TRIAL OF CARTER TO BEGIN FRIDAY

Indicted in Spotsylvania County on Charge of Murdering His Wife.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., February 25.—The trial of Nelson V. Carter, indicted on the charge of murdering his wife in Spotsylvania County, will come up in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania next Friday, Judge R. H. L. Chichester presiding. The jury has been summoned. Carter has employed Judge Alvin T. Embrey and Frederick W. Coleman, of this city, to defend him.

Reuben H. McGehee, Jr., of this city, charged with selling intoxicating liquors in this city, which is dry territory, pleaded guilty in the Corporation Court, and was given the minimum fine of \$50 and costs by Judge John T. Goodrick. It being his first offense. He was also placed under a bond in the sum of \$500 for his good behavior for twelve months.

A movement is on foot to place a memorial window in old historic Aquia Episcopal Church in Stafford County, in memory of Rev. Alexander Scott, the first rector of the parish, and Rev. John Moncre, who was rector when the church was built in 1751.

Lee J. Graves and John P. Gouldman, of this city, trustees, have sold the M. A. V. estate of 1,000 acres on the Potomac River, in Westmoreland County, near Colonial Beach, to George Mason, of Colonial Beach, for \$125,000.

Mrs. Lettie L. Willis, widow of Isaac Willis, of Orange County, has been stricken with paralysis, and her condition is very serious.

Miss Kate Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Judy, of Stafford County, near this city, has been made president of the Student Government League of Western College for Women at Oxford, O., for 1913-1914. This is the highest honor that comes to a girl in the Western College during her senior year.

A large flock of wild geese, about seventy-five in number, passed over this city today going in a westerly course. Their honking attracted the attention of a great many persons as they were flying over.

RICHMOND MEN IN ROANOKE.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company Officials Attend Trial.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., February 25.—S. Dabney Gresham, S. T. Morgan and C. E. Borden, of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, all of Richmond, are here today attending the United States Circuit Court, in which the suit of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company against the Princess Furnace Company is in the second day of its hearing. The suit involves between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and grew out of negotiations with reference to pyrites sales purchases. R. E. Scott and D. H. Lake, plaintiffs, and Benjamin Haden, of Pinckney, is counsel for the defendants. A verdict is looked for to-morrow.

ALL INDICTMENTS ARE DISMISSED

Oil Magnates Freed From Possibility of Heavy Fines and Prison Sentences.

ACTION IN TEXAS COURT

District Attorney Under Direct Orders of Attorney-General Wickersham.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Dallas, Texas, February 25.—The long-standing indictments against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the Standard Oil Company of New York, and the Magnolia Petroleum Company, four of their principal officers and three Texas officials were dismissed late today by W. A. Atwell, United States district attorney for the Northern District of Texas, under direct orders from Attorney-General Wickersham.

The indictments had previously caused much trouble in the Department of Justice. Attorney-General Wickersham declined to permit the service of warrants issued upon the indictments in Federal Justice Meek's court here, and District Attorney Atwell made a special trip to Washington to bring the evidence to the Attorney-General, but he declined to take action on the warrants, which were finally canceled by to-day's action. The indictments were founded on an alleged conspiracy to crush competition, asked to explain to-day's action, District Attorney Atwell declined to make any comment whatever.

Those freed from the possibility of the heavy fines and prison sentences of from one to five years, which were involved in the indictments, were: John D. Archibald, John D. Brown, Calvin N. Payne, four of the Standard Oil officials, and their Texas associates, John Sealey, of Galveston; H. C. Brown, of Dallas, and E. E. Ehle, of Corsicana. The corporations mentioned in the indictments were the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Standard Oil Company of New York.

Insufficient Evidence.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, February 25.—"The to-day's indictments against John D. Archibald and other Standard Oil officers were dismissed because investigation disclosed there was insufficient evidence on which to proceed," was the statement the Department of Justice authorized late this afternoon, when inquiry was made about the action at Dallas to-day. "A full investigation was made by representatives of the department, and it was deemed that the evidence was not strong enough," the statement added.

Attorney-General Wickersham, who personally handled the Texas case, is to-day en route to Washington from St. Louis, where he has been attending court in connection with the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific merger dissolution.

"I am astounded at this action, particularly when District Attorney Atwell told several other Texas Congressmen and myself that he had positive evidence sufficient to convict all but one of the defendants," was the way in which Representative Garner, of Texas, received the news.

CHICKENS TO CANAL ZONE.

Caroline County Man Ships Brown Leghorns to Panama.

Federicksburg, Va., February 25.—Thomas Washington, of Woodford, Caroline County, who recently shipped a crate of twenty-five brown leghorn chickens to the Canal Zone, has received a letter from the consignee stating the shipment had arrived and that three days after getting to the grocer, the hens began to lay. There were twenty-five eggs in the crate, and the grocer, which took ten days to reach its destination, the sides cards were prominently displayed with "feed me" and "water me" printed on them. He states he put plenty of straw, grit, oyster shells and green food in the crate before shipping the fowls.

BIG TREE IS CUT.

Fifty Railway Ties and Ten Cords of Firewood Obtained.

Appomattox, Va., February 25.—From a reliable source comes the report that on the farm of J. H. Patterson, of this county, a tree cut so large that fifty first-class railway ties were saved from it, ten cords of firewood, and enough sawdust to cover the bottom of the Appomattox River. Leaving a stump large enough for a picnic party to have a big spread.

DOUBLE-TRACK PROGRESSING.

Practically All Grading and Filling Has Been Completed.

Roselyn, Va., February 25.—The double-track of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company between Vinson station, or a little to the east of where the junction of the tracks of the Roselyn branch car and the main line meet, is being graded and filled, and practically all of the grading and filling has been done except between the stations of Clark and Sykes, and between Sykes and Pulaski. It is understood, owing to the fact that the new owners of the property between these stations have agreed with the company as to a right of way. The new substation at Arlington Junction, which is to be a deep-cut structure, is now almost completed with the exception of some work upon the bridge and the new station building. The new station will be a two-story building and will add much to the road and its facilities for handling the traffic.

WILL PROSECUTE OFFENDERS.

Too Many False Fire Alarms Sounded in Alexandria.

Alexandria, Va., February 25.—The members of the Fire Committee of the City Council have announced their determination to make preparation for its annual meeting on March 10, to be on for one week. Three hundred and twenty-five members will vie with each other in an effort to secure the largest number of new members and renewals. The association has a membership slightly more than 1,000.

ANOTHER ROAD TO PULASKI.

Blue Ridge Highway May Not Be Built to Pulaski.

Pulaski, Va., February 25.—A great deal of interest is being manifested in the proposed toll macadam turnpike through Grayson County. It has been made known here that plans are being outlined for building the Blue Ridge highway to Pulaski instead of Marion. The line mapped out for the turnpike is believed to be a better one, along this line will co-operate with the builders in North Carolina that this road will be built to Pulaski.

RACES AGAINST A HORSE.

Negro Laces Out by Three Minutes in Six-Mile Contest.

Federicksburg, Va., February 25.—Mason Williams, colored, in a race against Dr. Bass Williams, white, and a negro, won a six-mile contest from Dr. Bass's drug store on Commerce Street to Pulaski's drug store in Stafford County, and back, was only beaten three minutes by the horse and vehicle.

The entire distance is nearly six miles, and in order to beat Williams by even a small margin of the minutes, Dr. Bass was compelled to push his horse all the way.

Sale of Jasper Allen's Property.

Hillville, Va., February 25.—It is reported that the sale of Jasper Allen's personal property at his home near Fancy Gap, amounted to \$2,150. A span of mules, harness and wagon brought \$75. Cows were sold \$2 to \$5. Work cattle went at about \$25 per yoke.

WILL SOON BE IN TOWNS.

Men Who Defaced Jones Monument to Be Brought to Justice.

Lynchburg, Va., February 25.—The police have the names of four young men, all of whom participated one way or another in the painting of the Jones Memorial Monument on Christmas Eve last.

Fear that they would be implicated in the

Edna Ferber's latest story "Knee Deep in Knickers," is in The American Magazine for March.

Emma McChesney, the lady drummer, finds that scant skirts spoil the petticoat business. Then she has a wonderful idea

Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

EIGHTEEN TERMS IN PRISON.

Jack Ayers, of Hillville Section, Often Behind Bars.

Hillville, Va., February 25.—Jack Ayers, a very interesting personage, who hails from the famous Fancy Gap District, of this county, is again boarding with Sheriff Worrell at the old Carroll county boarding hall, which place to many the very thought of would create a dreadful horror, but not so with Jack Ayers, as it seems just the reverse with him. He seems to like it here, and his good treatment by the sheriff and the surroundings of the jail, he claims he did not do, and every move in his past career goes to prove this fact beyond a doubt.

In giving us his past record he stated that he was twenty-seven years of age, was married and had a wife and child, and that this was his eighteenth term behind prison bars, one term of which he served one year in the State Penitentiary, and the others at this and adjoining county prisons. He is a familiar figure in the United States counties' court here, and his statement cannot be the mere whim, as any for the county records will show for at least half of them.

The offense for which Ayers was sent to the penitentiary was the taking of a neighbor's young fruit tree, or, as he states, for stealing an orchard. For this he claims he was sent to do by other parties, and says he is now under bond to appear at court on a charge of taking dried fruit that came from these trees, he claims he did not do this. The charge for which he is now doing time is for stealing and celebrating around on the Blue Ridge.

STRIKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Rev. John R. Bagby, D. D., in Serious Condition.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ballville, Va., February 25.—Rev. John R. Bagby, D. D., pastor of several Baptist churches and trustee of Richmond College, was stricken with paralysis at Sandy Creek, one of his charges, in Amelia County, on Sunday, where he had gone to hold the regular services. He is now at the home of one of his church members at Ballville and in a precarious condition.

Dr. Bagby is widely known, and his many friends will regret to know of his sickness. He was a close personal friend of the late Dr. William E. Hatcher, who often visited in his home here.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. Preparing for Annual Conventions.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 25.—The local Young Men's Christian Association is making preparation for its annual membership campaign, which begins March 10, to be on for one week. Three hundred and twenty-five members will vie with each other in an effort to secure the largest number of new members and renewals. The association has a membership slightly more than 1,000.

PUJO COMMITTEE SOON WILL REPORT

Will Be Based Almost Entirely on Mr. Undermyer's Recommendations.

Washington, February 25.—The House money trust committee probably will vote to-morrow on its report, which will be submitted to the House on Thursday or Friday. The committee to-day completed the reading of the analysis of the testimony taken throughout the hearings, prepared by Samuel Undermyer, its counsel. The report will be based almost entirely on Mr. Undermyer's recommendations.

No session of the committee was held to-night, but individual members studied the details of Mr. Undermyer's proposals for remedial financial legislation and will assemble to-morrow to discuss them. The committee expects to conclude its discussion and get to a vote before to-morrow night.

At a hearing held by the committee to-day considerable evidence of a statistical nature was incorporated in the record. Lawrence O. Scudder, the committee's statistician, was on the stand. He presented two charts showing in graphic way the details of the affiliations of J. P. Morgan & Co. and other New York, Boston and Chicago bankers with banks and trust companies, railroads, public utility corporations, insurance companies and industrial concerns through stock ownership, interlocking directorates, underwriting affiliations and voting trusts. These charts, which, according to Mr. Scudder, are based entirely on the testimony taken by the committee, will be included as a part of the report.

Negro Fires at Conductor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 25.—Because he took a negro to task last night for mistreating a negro woman on his car, Conductor T. J. Bowling, of the local street railway, was fired at three times at close range by one of the negroes of a crowd. Bowling was not hit. Four negroes have been arrested in connection with the shooting.

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